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SUBJECT: Iraqi police training: German Interior
Minister in Abu Dhabi

Ref: (A) Berlin 149, (B) Berlin 23, (C) 03 Berlin 4692

Classified by Ambassador Marcelle M. Wahba for reasons
1.5 (b) and (d).

[1](#)1. (C) Summary: German Interior Minister Otto Schily met January 19 with senior Emirati law enforcement officials as well as with Deputy Prime Minister and de facto Foreign Minister Shaykh Hamdan bin Zayed (HbZ) and reached an understanding on the German proposal to train Iraqi police in the UAE. Schily, who had met two days earlier in Amman with a senior CPA advisor to the Iraqi Interior Minister, provided long-awaited details about the Iraqi trainees. In a nutshell,

German police experts will begin providing forensics training to about 150 Iraqi police in the UAE. The first session will begin in March at an Emirati police training facility. The following message is based on a January 20 readout of Schily's meetings with the Emiratis given to us by German Chargé Christian Buck. End summary.

¶2. (C) Federal Interior Minister Otto Schily, accompanied by several high-level German law enforcement officials, was in Abu Dhabi on January 18 and 19. He had meetings with UAE Minister of Interior Mohammed bin Saeed Al Badi and senior members of his staff, with Interior Ministry Under Secretary Shaykh Saif, and with Deputy Prime Minister and de facto Foreign Minister Shaykh Hamdan bin Zayed.

¶3. (C) According to a visit readout provided by the German Charge to Polchief and British Embassy Poloff, Schily told the Emiratis that the first batch of Iraqi police to be trained in the UAE will consist of 100 criminal police officers and 54 members of Baghdad's Institute of Criminal Technology. The forensics and related skills training curriculum (discussed in refs B and C) has yet to be finalized. The Germans found that the Iraqis have a lot of outdated knowledge about forensics, and their institute had been looted.

¶4. (C) The Emiratis have yet to decide where the training will take place, although Abu Dhabi, Sharjah, and Al Ain have been mentioned as possibilities. Germany will pay for the training expenses and for the German police experts while the UAE will cover local expenses (e.g. housing and feeding of trainees) and transportation costs between Iraq and the UAE. The German Charge offered what he called a very rough estimate of the training costs -- \$10 million per year but cautioned that the actual amount would depend on several factors, including the training courses selected, and numbers of participants. Germany hopes to have trained about 200 Iraqi forensics experts when the program concludes at the end of 2005.

¶5. (C) Schily had stopped in Amman on January 17 to meet with the CPA Senior Interior Ministry Advisor Steve Casteel to go over details of the proposal and to see how it fits into the overall CPA training plan, including portions in Jordan and Iraq (see ref A). Three days earlier, on January 14, an advance team from the German Interior Ministry met in Amman with two other members of the CPA/Iraqi Interior Ministry team, also to sort out the details. The Germans decided against having an Iraqi Interior Ministry representative accompany Schily on his visit to the UAE. "Our priority was to get the information to the Emiratis," the German Charge said. He expressed appreciation for the information on the Iraqi police that CPA provided to the Emiratis.

¶6. (C) In his meeting with HbZ, Schily reviewed the German proposal to offer police training, and the two covered a range of security and immigration issues, including Emirati concerns about the Schengen visa program. HbZ told Schily that the UAE was prepared for extensive law enforcement cooperation with Germany. HbZ stressed the UAE's unwavering commitment to fight terrorism. He said the UAE had received a message from Al Qaida saying that the UAE is a target. HbZ told Schily that Al Qaida is a threat to all of us and that the type of terror attacks that occurred in Turkey and Indonesia could just as easily happen in the UAE. The German Charge said it was not clear from what HbZ said whether the message from Al Qaida was recent, or whether it was just his way of expressing solidarity in the war on terrorism.

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